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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Plague and smallpox.

Assistant Surgeon Heiser, chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands, reports, June 25 and July 11, as follows:

During the week ended June 20, 1903, 7 cases of plague, with 6 deaths, were reported in Manila, and 4 new cases of smallpox, none resulting fatally.

Week ended June 27, 1903, 1 case of smallpox, not resulting fatally; 6 cases of plague, with 6 deaths.

Week ended July 4, 1903, 1 new case of smallpox, not fatal; 6 fatal cases of plague.

Week ended July 11, 1903, 3 new cases of smallpox, none resulting fatally; 1 fatal case of plague.

Cholera situation in Manila steadily improving—Danger of contamination of water supply.

The cholera situation in Manila continues to show a steady improvement. During the week covered by the report, there were 8 cases and 7 deaths. With one exception, the recent outbreak has been confined entirely to natives and Chinese. It can generally be shown that the persons affected have either directly or indirectly come in contact with the Pasig River. Much anxiety is felt about the cholera, which is still present on the watershed that supplies Manila with its drinking water. There has been an alarming increase in the number of cases. During the week ended July 4, 1903, there were 57 cases and 35 deaths, which is an increase of 48 cases and 28 deaths over the period covered by my last report. It is generally felt that the delay in the onset of the rainy season has been of great assistance in preventing the stream which drains the watershed from becoming infected. It is thought that the drinking water supplied by the city mains was not infected during the epidemic in Manila last year, therefore should this supply now become infected, the widespread dissemination of the disease can be well imagined.

During the week a case of cholera occurred on the U. S. Army transport *Dix*, and she is now undergoing disinfection.

Cholera at Cebu increasing—Apparently extinct at Iloilo.

The cholera continues to grow worse at Cebu. During the week ended June 27, 1903, there were 78 cases and 47 deaths. Assistant Surgeon Fox had four infected vessels to deal with during the same period.

At Iloilo the disease seems to have been stamped out, no cases having been reported during the past few weeks.

Cholera report at Manila.

Week ended June 27, 1903, 5 cases, 4 deaths. Nationality, Filipino.

Week ended July 4, 1903, 8 cases, 7 deaths. Nationality, Filipino.